

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and indicating that claims 1-16 are allowable.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the present invention and to correct antecedent basis errors. No new matter has been added by this amendment, as support may be found in the original claims and specification of the application.

Objections**Objections to the Claims**

The Examiner has objected to claim 1 due to informalities. Previously, claim 1 recited “a metal-made hinge pin inserted in said first and second cylindrical parts *whose* axes are aligned to each other.” Claim 1 has been amended to instead recite “said first and second cylindrical parts having axes aligned to each other,” thereby defining the axes with respect to the first and second cylindrical parts. Further, claim 1 no longer lacks antecedent basis for the term “end surface” for the second cylindrical part. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Abstract

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to for containing grammatical errors. The abstract has been amended in this reply to correct these errors. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 12088/033001).

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